

June 1, 2004

Richard Fenton, Acting Director
Division of Integrated Health Systems
CMS, Center for Medicaid and State Operations
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Mr. Fenton:

I am pleased to submit the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) waiver amendment to the 1915(b)(4) waiver under which the DSHS Disease Management program operates. This amendment adds Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease to the disease management program operated by McKesson Health Solutions.

Because the changes to the waiver, while minimal, cause adjustments to the pagination of the document, we have included the entire written portion of the waiver, with changes highlighted in grey. Additionally, at the suggestion of CMS Region X staff, we have included the DSHS response to CMS's Request for Additional Information for the Washington Disease Management Program, that was previously submitted with the waiver that brought the program into compliance with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The waiver period is from April 10, 2003 through April 9, 2005.

We look forward to a continued partnership with CMS on the Disease Management program. If you have questions about this waiver amendment, please contact Alison Robbins at (360) 725-1634.

Sincerely,

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